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OFFICIAL**UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE***Examiner:* Gary K. Graham*Art Unit:* 1744*In re:**Applicant:* Wilfried MERKEL*Serial No.:* 10/018,651*Filed:* March 1, 2002**A M E N D M E N T**Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of October 7, 2003, please
amend the application as follows: